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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 1st June, 1962:—

*BILL 44 OF 1962

A Bill to amend the President's Pension Act, 1951.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Thirteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the President's Pension (Amendment) Act, 1962. Short title.

30 of 1951. 5 2. Section 2 of the President's Pension Act, 1951 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) thereof and—

(i) in sub-section (1) as so re-numbered, the proviso shall be omitted; and

10 (ii) after sub-section (1) as so re-numbered, the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) Subject to any rules that may be made in this behalf, every such person shall, for the remainder of his life, be entitled—

15 (a) to secretarial staff and office expenses, the total expenditure on which shall not exceed twelve thousand rupees per annum; and

*The President has, in pursuance of clauses (1) and (3) of article 117 of the Constitution of India recommended to Lok Sabha the introduction and consideration of the Bill.

(b) to medical attendance and treatment, free of charge.

(3) Where any such person is re-elected to the office of President, he shall not be entitled to any benefit under this section for the period during which he again holds that 5 office.”.

Amendment of section 4. 3. In section 4 of the principal Act, for the word “pension”, the word “sum” shall be substituted.

Insertion of new section 5. 4. After section 4 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

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Power to make rules. 5. The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the President's Pension Act, 1951, a retiring President of India and the last Governor-General are entitled to a pension of Rs. 15,000/- per annum for life. A person holding the high office of President has even after retirement many public calls on him. It is, therefore, considered desirable to provide him with secretarial staff and office expenses out of public funds.

2. During his term of office, the President is entitled to free medical care and treatment. It is considered desirable that he should be entitled to free medical attendance and treatment even after retirement. Hence, the Bill.

NEW DELHI;

The 21st May, 1962.

LAL BAHADUR.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill provides for secretarial staff and office expenses at a cost not exceeding Rs. 12,000 a year. It also provides for free medical care and attendance for the retiring President. The cost of such medical care and treatment cannot naturally be estimated beforehand and will depend on the advice of the medical authorities from time to time.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

The proposed section 5 empowers the Central Government to make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act. The rules will provide for the staff which may be engaged for the President and heir salaries. Rules will also be framed for providing free medical attendance and treatment for the retiring President. The delegation of legislative powers is thus of a normal character.

M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.

